



***In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County  
Minutes of the County Court Session***

***April 19, 2017***

The Harney County Court convened in Judge Pete Runnel's office at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Members attending were Judge Pete Runnels, Commissioner Mark Owens, and Commissioner Patty Dorroh. Also attending were Eric Drushella, Roadmaster; Deanna Atwell, Finance/HR; Nellie Franklin, Treasurer; Brandon McMullen, Planning Director; Paul Gray, Emergency Management; Angie Lamborn, Senior Center and Tammy Johnston, Deputy Clerk.

Also attending were Tara Thissell, BLM; Nancy Oster-Courtney, Andy Lindsey, Anderson Perry; Elroy Waldron, Waldron & Sons Inc.; June Hurlburt, Waldron & Sons Inc.; Donna Schnitker, Harney ESD; Samantha White, Burns Times Herald; Chris Rau, LCI; Brian Marcum, Marcum & Sons LLC; Mike McArthur, Executive Director of the AOC; Barbara Cannady, and Barbara Kull.

**Work Session 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Voucher Approval**

The Court reviewed accounts payables, signed checks, and approved the vouchers by Court signature.

Judge Runnels led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting and the work session on April 12, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Nellie Franklin, Harney County Treasurer, announced her retirement as of July 1, 2017.

Paul Gray discussed the confirmed cases of Pertussis in Harney County.

## **Old Business**

### **Flood issues**

Judge Runnels discussed a grant for a feasibility study on the river levee, to be submitted to Business Oregon once it is completed. County Court met with City Managers to discuss how to deal with the flooding. They discussed the levee, self-insurance, and an assessment of needs to include assistance from the community. There will be another meeting with the City Managers on May 23, 2017.

### **Second reading of Ordinance #2017-78 in the Matter of Amending the Comprehensive Plan**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve and sign Ordinance #2017-78 (CJ2017-68; 2017-0501) in the Matter of Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Establish Policy Statements that Incorporate the People of Harney County, second reading, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Review and Signing of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Harney County and ODOT for Continuous Operations Variance Permit Authorization**

Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve and sign Intergovernmental Agreement (No. 31533) between Harney County and ODOT for Continuous Operation Variance Permit Authorization, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and signing of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Harney County and ODOT for Strategic Technology Reserves, Non-Emergency Use**

Commissioner Owens made a Motion to approve and sign Intergovernmental Agreement between Harney County and ODOT for Strategic Technology Reserves Non-Emergency Use, and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### **10:30 a.m. Donna Schnitker, ESD/Early Childhood Center, with an update on the Hub**

Donna Schnitker, Early Childhood Center, discussed with the Court the Early Learning Hub. She provided historical information on the designation of Harney County as an Early Learning Hub, and discussed the systemization of all the early learning between Harney and Grant County. She said accessing the money from the State, and the system of obtaining the money from the County, can be a cumbersome process. Donna made a request of the Court to transfer the backbone agency from County Court to ESD. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion in support of transferring the Frontier Early Learning Hub backbone agency from Harney County to Harney ESD, and seconded by Commissioner Owens. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

### **11:00 a.m. Paving Asphalt bid opening**

The Court opened bids for asphalt paving. Upon recommendation from Eric Drushella, Roadmaster, Commissioner Owens made a Motion to award the paving asphalt to

Idaho Asphalt Supply, Inc., and seconded by Commissioner Dorroh. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

11:05 a.m. Bridge Replacement bid opening

The Court opened bids for E. Fork Silvies River Bridge and Stinking Water Creek Bridge. The bid information was given to Eric Drushella and Andy Lindsey, Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., for review. A recommendation will be provided to the Court upon completion of the review.

11:15 a.m. Lori Cheek, Juvenile Department Director, to present the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan for approval

Lori Cheek, Juvenile Department Director, reviewed with the Court the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan, June 2017. Topics included school support and engagement, screening process, CTE and internship opportunities, Teen Court, and statistics. Lori will provide the Court with recent data and statistics. Commissioner Dorroh made a Motion to approve and sign the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan for 2017 (CJ2017-69), and seconded by Judge Runnels. With no further discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water Use Requests

**Correspondence**

Forest Service – Timber sales

BLM, Vale District – Shrub planting on public lands

BLM, Burns District – Land management activities

BLM, Burns District – Routine maintenance on BLM roads within the Andrews/Steens Resource Management Area

**Scheduling**

Public Hearing in Crane – May 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Crane High School Staff Lounge

Public Hearing in Fields – May 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Fields School

Budget Hearings – May 4 starting at 10 a.m. and May 10 starting at 10:30 a.m.

**Late Items**

Brandon McMullen updated the Court on planning projects including wind and solar projects.

Mike McArthur, AOC Executive Director, met with the Court to discuss various issues affecting Harney County.

**General Deliberation by the Court (no decisions will be made)**

**For the Record**

**Adjournment**

County Court recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Johnston  
Deputy Clerk